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Mr. Brian Douglas DP-1285 P.O. Box 200 Camp Hill, PA 17001-0200

Re: <u>Douglas v. Horn, et al.</u>, Civil No. 1:CV 00-0982 (Judge Rambo)

Dear Mr. Douglas:

MARY E. D'ANDREA

Clerk of Court

I am writing in response to your recent letter to the Clerk of Court regarding the case referenced above. Court personnel may not render legal advice to a litigant, nor may they issue any legal relief that is not requested in a motion appropriately filed with the Clerk of Court and served on counsel for any opposing parties.

Please submit any future requests for relief in the form of a formal motion, not in informal correspondence either to the Clerk of Court or to the Judge presiding in your case.

Sincerely,

M. C. Schimelfenig, Esquire

Pro Se Law Clerk

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